

CORRESPONDENCE.

North Hamilton.
Miss Ella Harris is teaching the winter school in this district.
We hear that Henry Mitchell is papa to another baby; a pair of them now.
Freeman Howley and wife, spent a part of last week at Pipestone, visiting the parents of Mrs. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jennings of Antwerp, visited at Roll Harris' on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.
Leona Johnson is school-ma'am in the Hayden district. Ella Maxwell holds forth in the Nesbitt district.

Will Martin of Lawrence, and Dollie Zimmerman of Hamilton, were married at Hartford, on Wednesday evening, the 24th ult. Wedding dinner was next day at Mr. Zimmerman's. May long life and happiness be theirs.

Lawrence.

PROSPECT LAKE.
James Christie has a birthday party this—Wednesday—evening.

Mrs. Harkin of Decatur, is at Dennis Cooper's, doing some dressmaking for the young lady members of the family.

We cannot tell about that wedding this week, but hope to next. No drunkenness, no stealing, murder or anything sensational. What are we to do for locals?

Our organ has a wooden overcoat now, made by Charles Halbert, who donated the labor thereon. Some money is due the treasurer for lumber; let us see that it is paid before it gets too old.

A lyceum will be organized this week. To those who are addicted to the use of tobacco, a request is made that they go out of doors to empty their quids and juice, as it is not a very nice job to clean the floor after their defilement.

In your last issue, you speak of the next legislature submitting an amendment for the prohibition of the sale of liquor in our state. Although a prohibitionist, we are not partisan. We believe that a vote of the people will decide the matter right, and then let us enforce the law, whether it be a republican or a democratic measure. Keep the ball rolling and all honest prohibitionists will help it along.

HARTFORD DISTRICT.

Miss Viola Conklin's broken limb is healing nicely.

The winter term of our lyceum has begun and promises to be interesting. Meetings Tuesday evenings.

Mr. Lake Culburn commenced a four months' term of school here on the 22d ult. He is a student from the Agricultural College and a young man who will make his mark in the world.

Mrs. George Davey died on the morning of November 27th. Her funeral was held at the Disciple Church in Bangor on Tuesday last, Elder J. H. Reese officiating. She leaves a husband, three sons and two daughters to mourn her departure. Mr. and Mrs. Davey has been married nearly fifty years.

The open grange meeting at Lawrence last Saturday was well attended. The programme was carried out as advertised, except the address of Hon. A. N. Woodruff, who was detained at home nursing a Job's comforter. The vacancy caused by his absence was successfully filled by Jason Woodman and Hon. C. J. Monroe. There was much interest manifested and a vote taken to invite the Farmers' Institute to hold its next session at Lawrence. The people are wide awake and will do all in their power to make the meeting a success if held there.

Two hearts were made happy at the residence of E. J. Lane in Arlington, last Thursday evening. Adelbert Brigham and Vinnie Lamphar were united in marriage by the United Brethren minister. About fifty guests were present, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Temple of Indiana. Mrs. T. was formerly Miss Hattie Lane. After the customary greetings, the company repaired to the dining room and participated in a bountiful repast, such as Mrs. Lane understands so well how to prepare. The newly married pair were made recipients of a large number of useful and elegant presents.

Gobleville.

Alba Heywood at this place, December 2d. Arthur Herron has been home on a short visit.

Geo. W. Myers spent Thanksgiving with friends here.

Daniel Campbell has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Canada.

Walt and Bert Goble are with us again after another summer's farming at Lacota.

A. H. Long and family have been visiting a few days with W. T. Long of Vicksburg.

Rolla Myers has been laying off for a week or two, to recuperate. Throop Anderson filled his place as agent during the time.

Will Smith will teach school in the Allen district this winter, and Harvey Slonaker in the Brown district. Their schools began last Monday.

Leon Keith has returned from the west. He has been in Kansas and Nebraska during the past season. He speaks highly of those regions, especially of Thomas County, Kansas.

Geo. B. Palmer and daughter Rosa started for Ashton last week, on a visit to Dr. Palmer, who has been very ill for some time. Mrs. Palmer has been with him during his sickness.

Mrs. Lucy J. Brown was happily surprised on the evening of the 24th ult., her 51st birthday, by some forty or more of her relatives and friends, who moved in upon her residence, en masse. A number of presents were given her, after which the company adjourned to Mr. J. J. Clement's, where a bountiful supper was served. The evening was passed very pleasantly and will be one long to be remembered by Lucy Jane.

We observe that "Pete Glimmer's" light has not shone lately in the columns of that worthy paper, the TRUE NORTHERNER. We of Gables, cannot think of not being represented there and although we may not fill Pete's clothes as a scribe, as we are an amateur at the business, yet we do not despair when we think of the altitude to which he has attained. We hope our "glim" may yet shine even with the brilliancy of an electric light.

Decatur.

Lee Caldwell has gone to Reed City.

Rue Mosier of Paw Paw, visited his brother Will last week.

Prof. D. C. Pierce was visited last week by a brother and his wife.

Ed. Trowbridge and family have been spending a few days in town.

Wm. Smith and wife have been visiting at Marvin Hinkley's for a few days.

Fred Lee's baby died last week Wednesday. Funeral on Thanksgiving day.

Clarence Coleman spent Thanksgiving with his mother and sister in this village.

Wm. Price of Stafford, Kansas, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Dr. Kinney, during the past week.

There was a family gathering at Mr. and Mrs. Barney O'Dell's, on Friday, the 26th ult., that being the 18th anniversary of their marriage.

Mrs. John Brownbridge presented her husband with an eleven and a half pound boy. The child died soon after its birth. Mother doing well.

While extinguishing a lamp at the Universalist Church last Friday evening, Harley Squiers had the misfortune to burn one of his hands quite badly.

Lawton.

A new sidewalk has been laid in front of the Doolittle building.

C. Buechner has his office at the lumber yard nearly completed. It's a dandy.

Col. Henry Ford left, last week, for Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on business connected with an iron furnace.

Baker & Young's evaporator closed on Friday last, for the season. They have shipped about fifty tons of dried apples and have given employment to about forty hands.

Will Allard has had a small tin-type of the Lawton Base Ball Team enlarged and elegantly framed. He says that when he is old and gray and nearly ready to make his final home run, he can look back with pride on this picture of the champions of Van Buren County.

Kendalls.

Good wheeling, but a little rough.

Reveling meetings are in progress at the church this week.

S. R. Hayden comes out with a new two-seated buggy, a dandy.

Floyd Kingsley kept his plow running every day up to Saturday, the 27th ult.

Last Sunday evening, while Seth Stockwell was at church, some scoundrel stole his whip.

L. C. Pratt & Co. are preparing to manufacture road carts. They will make all but the wheels.

Mr. Becker of Parma, has moved to Kendalls and is living, at present, on Mrs. Arms' twenty acres, east of town.

Thanksgiving services were held in the church both morning and evening, Mr. Chase, the pastor, preaching an appropriate sermon.

While passing through a clump of thick underbrush in his woods, Ed. McNamarae found an almost new, three inch tire wagon. It is supposed that it was hidden there on account of some crookedness in connection with insurance on a burned barn.

Hartford.

The new opera house will be completed in time for the holidays.

Alba Heywood's Combination Monday evening at Reynolds' Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Merriman and her mother have arrived at Jacksonville, Fla.

Dr. E. A. Palmer started for New York last Monday morning, to attend a course of lectures. He will stop at Ann Arbor and visit old friends for a short time.

Some of the distinguished visitors who attended last Sunday morning's service at Congregational Church pronounced the sermon one of the finest they had heard in a long time. Elder Taylor is so well liked and has been so successful that he has been retained for another year. The anthems and songs are rendered by the choir in a manner that is second to none in the state. We have attended service in many city churches where they had paid choirs that were much inferior.

The Congregational Sabbath School will hold a bean social at the church, on Tuesday evening next. This will be a novel, as well as an interesting affair. The idea originated with Mrs. Musgrove, a lady who is deeply interested in Sunday school work. For the purpose of raising funds for the school, each scholar is presented with a gift of beans, that are to be planted, the contest being as to who shall raise the largest crop. It has been decided to hold this social, at which beans in various styles and other refreshments will be served, the proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of books and papers for the school. There should be a full attendance.

Keeler.

Mrs. Albert Brown left for her home in Kansas on the 25th ult.

Only about fifty numbers took part in the dance at Sister Lakes on the evening of the 25th ult.; a small crowd for that place.

Mr. Roll Clover was married to Miss Millie Sykes on the 25th ult. Rev. Reese of Bangor, was the knot-tier of the occasion. Upwards of forty friends were present.

Dr. Bartholomev keeps just about the same; can still walk about the house a little, and can sit at meals with the family, but, at times, is pressed for breath. Likes to see and talk with his friends, of whom he has a large number.

The pentecosters will soon commence regular work in Keeler; in fact, have held a few meetings during the past two weeks. There is much animosity felt towards them on the part of some people here, but we presume their labors will be crowned with good results.

There will be another party at the odd fellows' hall on Friday evening, December 10th. The one on Thanksgiving evening was not very well attended, because of the inclemency of the weather. The grange oyster supper was not a pronounced success either, but they had no trouble in getting rid of their system.

The death of Mr. Ambrose Fisher has for some weeks been known to be only a question of a brief period of time; but when he died, on Sunday morning, the 28th ult., even those who were in the house with him could hardly realize that the end had come. His trouble was consumption. The funeral was held on Tuesday p. m., at the M. E. Church.

We have received a specimen copy of the Cosmopolitan, a magazine published at Rochester N. Y., by Schlicht, Field & Co. Judging from the copy sent us, the Cosmopolitan is entitled to rank among the comparatively few really good publications of the kind.

The mysteries of editorial action concerning volunteer contributions are clearly explained in the Editor's Easy Chair of Harper's Magazine for December. A paragraph in the Boston Herald ascribing the difficulty of gaining an entrance into the great magazines to "the literary gang," brings forth a long and courteous reply from the editor of Harper's Magazine, which the Easy Chair quotes in full. The army of aspiring authors will gain some valuable information there pertaining to the methods of editorial judgment and the reasons why their MSS. are generally returned as "unavailable."

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THE BOYS & GIRLS

Who wish to compete for the Red School House prizes, will please leave their School Houses at our store any time before next Monday.

One or two of our little friends have asked us if we intend to give a pair of shoes to every boy and girl who makes a school house for us. We regret that we can not do so, for we know of no better present for a boy or girl than a pair of "Red School House Shoes," and we wish that we could give at least one pair to every one of the little men and women of this county. You will remember that we offer two pairs of these shoes for the two best school houses. Please do not write your names upon your work; our salesmen will number the houses so that the award may be fairly made.

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